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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Ms. Cheryle Jackson on being appointed President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League; and

WHEREAS, The appointment makes her the first woman to lead the social and civil justice organization in its 90-year history; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the appointment, Ms. Jackson was the deputy chief of staff for communications for Governor Rod Blagojevich, overseeing the State's press operations and communications strategy; when she joined the Governor's staff in 2003 as communications director and chief press secretary, she became the first woman and first African American in Illinois history to hold that position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson's appointment will be celebrated October 12, 2006 at a VIP reception in her honor during "The Pocketbook Monologues Presents A Fundraiser for the Let's Talk-Let's Test Foundation", hosted by NBC5's Marion Brooks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Ms. Cheryle Jackson on being appointed President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League, and we wish her well in her work at the Chicago Urban League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Jackson as an expression of our respect and esteem.